



# Morning Highlights

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## Crazy Mountain Complex

A Type 2 Incident Management Team (IMT) assumed control of the Crazy Mountain Complex on Saturday, August 1. The complex includes the Bluff Creek, Jagged Ridge, Puzzle Gulch and Little Black One Fires. The Bluff Creek Fire, located approximately 6 miles west of Circle, started to threaten the community of Circle and cabins along Birch Creek on July 31 when extreme fire behavior, erratic winds and heavy fuels caused the fire to triple in size. Poor visibility has prevented three air tankers from dropping water on the fire.

For additional information about the Crazy Mountain Complex and other fires throughout Alaska, visit the AICC Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/> and the Newsroom at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>

## Smoke In The Interior

Smoke from the Wood River 1 Fire and the Railbelt Complex continues to impact Fairbanks and interior communities. To learn about protecting yourself from wildland fire smoke, visit: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

## Air Quality

At 9 am August 1, Fairbanks air quality was reported to be **Unhealthy** due to smoke. The air quality index was not updated for August 2, but smokey conditions remain in Fairbanks. Air Quality information for the Fairbanks North Star Borough is posted at: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>.

## New Wildland Fires

Seven new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Saturday. In addition, the Bluff Creek, Jagged Ridge, Little Black One and the Puzzle Gulch Fires were combined into the Crazy Mountain Complex. The Kantishna River #2 and the Big Salt Fires were both lightning caused fires in the Tanana Area. The Kantishna River # 2 was reported at 3 acres burning in a full management area. Four firefighters and a CL-215 water scooper aircraft conducted initial attack. The five acre Big Salt Fire is in a limited management area and is being monitored. The Davis Creek Fire was reported at .5 acres in the Copper River Area. A Division of Forestry helicopter and an engine responded. The human caused Kallenberg Fire was reported in the Fairbanks Area at .8 acres. Multiple DOF engines and a helicopter responded and extinguished the fire. The human caused Roxas Fire was reported in the Mat-Su area. DOF and a Volunteer FD responded and put the .1 acre fire out. Two human caused fires were reported on the Tongass National Forest.

## Statewide Fire Summary

As of 9 am Sunday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center tallied 477 fires and 2,206,069 acres burned this year. 76 fires are active across Alaska. 15 fires are staffed. At this time last year, 335 fires had burned 91,018 acres.

### Staffed Fires

Information below is summarized from today's Situation Report and/or other sources

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
<b>Railbelt Complex</b>	NW of Nenana	438,611 acres	Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team
			Augusta Hotshots
<i>Fires in Complex</i>			Chena Hotshots
Minto Flats South	12 mi. W of Nenana		Delta #2 Type 2 crew
Lunch Lake	20 mi. NW of Nenana		Fairbanks #2 Type 2 crew
June Creek	21 mi. NW of Healy		Fairbanks #3 Type 2 crew
			Great Northern T2IA
			Huslia #1 Type 2 crew
			Idaho Panhandle Hotshots
			Lewis & Clark #2 T2IA
			Lewis & Clark Hotshots
			Lolo Regulars #1 T2IA
			Mindewin Hotshots
			USFS Interagency T2IA
			Upper Tanana #3 Type 2
			Upper Tanana #4 Type 2
			Upper Tanana #5 Type 2
			Yukon T2IA crew
			<b>331 personnel in Complex</b>
<b>Crazy Mountain Complex</b>		323,630 acres	Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team
			Arctic Village Type 2 crew
<i>Fires in Complex</i>			Fort Yukon #1 Type 2 crew
Bluff Creek	6 mi. W of Circle	27,723 acres	Grayling Type 2 crew
Little Black One	18 mi. NE of Circle	292,907 acres	Kaltag #2 Type 2 crew
Jagged Ridge	19 mi. S of Circle	600 acres	Midnight Sun Hotshots
Puzzle Gulch	22 mi. SE of Circle Hot Springs	2,400 acres	Stebbins #2 Type 2 crew
			<b>169 personnel in Complex</b>
<b>Kantishna River 2</b>	40 mi. W of Anderson	3 acres	4 personnel
<b>Davis Creek</b>	4.5 mi. E of Lower Tonsina	.5 acres	9 personnel
<b>Fort Hamlin Hills</b>	22.5 mi. W of Stevens Village	150 acres	8 personnel

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
<b>Paddle</b>	18 mi. SE of Circle	25,108 acres	5 personnel
<b>Rock Slough</b>	50 mi. NE of Ft. Yukon	38,500 acres	104 personnel
			Allakaket #1 Type 2 crew
			Noorvik #1 Type 2 crew
			North Star Type 2 crew
			St. Michaels Type 2 crew
<b>Stevens Creek 1</b>	25 mi. SW of Rampart	60,551 acres	4 personnel
<b>Bear Creek</b>	58 mi. W of Healy	50,634 acres	4 personnel
<b>Zitziana</b>	53 mi. W of Anderson	122,706 acres	41 personnel
			Denali Type 2 IA crew
<b>Green Slough 2</b>	13 mi. SE of Tanana	4.4 acres	8 personnel
<b>Big Creek</b>	60 mi. SW of Ft. Yukon	101,294 acres	12 personnel
<b>Bear Paw</b>	53 mi. W of Healy	1,637 acres	8 personnel
<b>Chakina</b>	13 mi. S of McCarthy	50,000 acres	18 personnel

## Fire Information Phone Numbers

**Crazy Mountain Complex** (including Bluff Creek, Jagged Ridge, Puzzle Gulch and Little Black One Fires near Circle, AK): 907-733-5511. Email may be sent to: [crazymountaincomplex@gmail.com](mailto:crazymountaincomplex@gmail.com) Additional information about this fire including photos is being posted at: <http://inciweb.org/incident/1780>. Due to problems with Inciweb, this Complex sometimes does not show up in Inciweb unless the entire address above is entered into a browser. We are attempting to fix this problem.

**Wood River 1 Fire** (south of Fairbanks): 907-388-7526. Additional information about the fire is being posted at: <http://inciweb.org/incident/1775/>

**Railbelt Complex Fires** (including the Minto Flats South, Lunch Lake, and June Creek Fire): 907-378-3843. Email for the Railbelt Complex may be sent to: [mintoflatsouthfire@gmail.com](mailto:mintoflatsouthfire@gmail.com). Additional information about the fire is being posted at: <http://inciweb.org/incident/1725/>

**Chakina Fire** (south of McCarthy): 907-529-0511, or the National Park Service Office in Anchorage at 907-644-3418. Email for the Chakina Fire may be sent to: [ChakinaFireInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ChakinaFireInfo@gmail.com). Information is also posted at: [www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm)

## Temporary Flight Restrictions

Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) are in place over the Minto Flats South Fire near Nenana, the Chakina Fire near McCarthy, Alaska and the Crazy Mountain Complex. Pilots should check NOTAMS for information about these fires. Specific TFR information may be found at: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>

Commercial, private and other non-firefighting aircraft pilots are asked to use caution in the vicinity of any wildland fire, even those without TFRs. Please be aware that fire aircraft may be working in or around a fire's perimeter. New fires should be reported to Flight Service Stations or 1-800-237-3633.

## Red Flag Warnings

There are no red flag warnings as of 12 pm today. Specific information about Red Flag Warnings and weather can be found at: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>

## Additional References

Air Quality information for the Fairbanks North Star Borough is posted at: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>.

For daily fire information, please visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>  
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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